# The new IRB 6400

Now you get even more



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# The new IRB 6400 – your best performer:

More performance More adaptability More reliability

be demands of modern industry require high production rates, reduced lead times, smaller inventories and lower costs. And these demands are continuously growing.

This means short workcycle times, rapid change-overs, consistently high process quality and reliable process-optimised equipment. These were the driving forces in the design criteria for the IRB 6000 series back in 1990 and also the key issues behind the new IRB 6400. Of 70,000 installed ABB robots, more than 20,000 are from the IRB 6400 series. We found no need to invent the wheel over again – but rather a reason to continue the success and give you even more.

Presenting the new IRB 6400, offering more performance, adaptability and reliability.

#### More performance for higher production rates and top quality parts

The new IRB 6400 series is 20% faster than before – with low energy consumption. The advantage lies in the balanced construction, optimised drive-trains and the advanced dynamic model based servo control.

QuickMove<sup>TM</sup> functions and automatic load and inertia identification ensure the highest acceleration and speed over the entire workcycle.

TrueMove<sup>TM</sup> functions offer accurate paths, independent of speed. The repeatability has been further improved from 0.15 mm to an outstanding 0.1 mm with help of the very rigid design. Together with new functionality, this results in the highest production rates of high quality parts that the industry can offer.

# More adaptability to meet your specific needs

The new mechanical design with much smaller interference radius allows for more compact installations. The integrated process media is readily exchanged and a 2.5 meter overarm is changed to a 3.0 meter arm in less than 30 minutes. The robot can be calibrated one axis at a time, if this is more convenient. Extensive, standard communication possibilities include I/Os, serial channels, Interbus-S, Profibus, CAN/DeviceNet and Ethernet.

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Serial Ethernet

Allen Bradley PLC Interbus-S Profibus CAN/DeviceNet

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### More reliability for outstanding availability and safety

The new IRB 6400 is a robust, all-steel construction with high material strength. The arms are mechanically balanced and equipped with double bearings.

Advanced motion control together with collision detection reduce the collision force to one third, thus reducing the risk of tool and workpiece damage. Process cabling is integrated through the robot base.

Extensive recovery actions under pre-defined conditions and operator safety features also ensure that the risk for damage or injury is minimised.

The MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure) has been steadily increased since the introduction of the IRB 6000 series in 1991. The new IRB 6400 has been designed for an MTBF of more than 50,000 hours.

# **Focused applications**

The IRB 6400 series is developed for focused industries and applications in order to obtain maximum performance, adaptability and reliability.

# Spot welding

The IRB 6400 robot family is optimised for spot welding applications. The compact body has a very small interference radius and the welding cabling is well protected and easily replaced within 15 minutes. The position switches for axis 1, 2 and 3 are accessible for easy adjustment of the arm motion limits. Alternative load/reach capability is readily obtained through fast change of the upper arm (less than 30 minutes). High production rates are obtained through excellent speed and accuracy and a long operating life through the rugged construction.

### Machine and press tending

Monotonous and heavy lifts are reduced at competitive costs. The IRB 6400 is easily integrated in the production cell thanks to its compact interference radius in combination with long reach. Great flexibility and high MTBF guarantee that expensive process machines are utilised as many hours as possible.

### **Material handling**

In material handling, the IRB 6400 offers high production rates, reduced lead times and smaller inventories giving faster turnover of capital and materials. This is thanks to its high speeds, compact turning radius and long reach with high load capability.

# **Palletizing/packaging**

The IRB 6400 is easily fit into packaging applications, thanks to its large working range. The fast axis movement allow high speed palletizing. The compact interference radius further simplifies flexible installations in compact areas.

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#### Assembly

The high accuracy together with the use of a robot vision system is ideal for assembly of large objects such as windscreens, wheels, engine parts, etc. Variants in load and reach capability give a wide choice for the application. The workcycle times can be adjusted for optimum production, without reducing the accuracy of the programmed path.

# **Grinding/Polishing**

The load/reach capability and the soft-servo functionality together with the high accuracy make the robot series ideal for grinding and polishing of large objects. The robots are robust and are available with increased protection against aggressive environments. The excellent robot performance and the programming adaptability allow for high production rates with high product quality.

#### **Foundry applications**

The robots play an important role in modern foundries, offering high accuracy and the flexibility needed. The robust design and special foundry protection, with IP 67 wrist protection as standard, make the robot an excellent work horse in dirty and hostile environments. Speed and accuracy are obtained also for heavy parts thanks to a handling capacity of up to 200 kg.

# Software tools and application-dedicated software

### **BaseWare Operating System**

The IRB 6400 robot series is supplied with BaseWare Operating System software. A highly configurable system featuring TrueMove and QuickMove functions delivering superior performance in your applications.

### A range of PC-tools for user-adapted functionality

ABB offers a range of tools for training, programming, monitoring and simulation. Using **QuickTeach**<sup>™</sup> you can learn how to program and operate an ABB robot using an emulated control pendant. **ProgramMaker**<sup>™</sup> is a collection of powerful PC applications which allows you to develop and maintain robot programs and configuration files off-line while taking full advantage of the Windows user environment.

Effective monitoring and troubleshooting are crucial. **FactoryWare**<sup>™</sup> enables you to create an on-line Windowsbased graphical operator interface of the installation on your PC.

Using our simulation solutions, you can be sure that your investment is optimised – before you actually invest. **RobotStudio**<sup>™</sup> allows fast and easy creation of robot programs without requiring access to the robot itself, simulating robot movements and cycle times. Using digital 3D replicas of the robots and their environment, programming and fine tuning of a robot station can be carried out quickly and efficiently offline on a PC.

### Advanced applicationdedicated software

Advanced functionality is offered through applicationdedicated **ProcessWare**<sup>™</sup> software packages. **SpotWare**<sup>™</sup> for spot welding comprises a large number of dedicated spot welding functions. It is a simple yet powerful product that allows you to handle both positioning of the robot, process control and monitoring in the same instruction. Cycle times are shortened through closing of the welding gun in advance and through starting the movement of the robot immediately after a spot weld is completed.

I/O signals, timing sequences and weld error actions are easily configured. Up to four stationary welding guns can be controlled from one robot controller.

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Programming with the robot language RAPID results in easy-to-read displays with useradapted texts.

#### Example of functionality

- Adaptation to different welding guns
- Adaptation to different weld timers
- Collision detection
- Soft servo on all axes
- Automatic load identification for optimum acceleration
- Control/monitoring of the robot motion within defined "world zones"
- Multi tasking
- Conveyor tracking
- Error recovery routines

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# Working range and Load diagram

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**IRB 6400S** 

**IRB 6400PE** 

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Main process area	Spot welding, Machine and press tending, Palletizing, Material handling, Assembly, Grinding, Polishing						Spot welding and Machine tending	Poke welding	
Robot	IRB 6400R and IRF 6400R						IRB 6400S	IRB 6400PE	
Mounting	Floor					Shelf	Floor		
Reach	3.0 m	2.5 m	2.5 m	2.8 m	2.5 m	2.8 m	2.9 m	2.25 m	
Handling capacity	100 kg	120 kg	150 kg	150 kg	200 kg	200 kg	120 kg	5000 N	

# **Technical data**

**IRB 6400 industrial robot series** 

SPECIFICATI	ON							
Robot version: IRB and IRF 6400R/3.0-10 6400R/2.5-12 6400R/2.5-15 6400R/2.5-20 6400R/2.8-20 6400S/2.9-12 6400PE IRF robo	obot versions React Sth at 100F/3.0-100 S.0 m at 100F/2.5-120 2.5 m at 100F/2.5-150 2.5 m at 100F/2.5-150 2.5 m at 100F/2.5-200 <th< td=""><td>Handling capacity 100 kg 120 kg 150 kg 200 kg 200 kg 120 kg 5000 N ave prote</td><td>Re Sł Pc ctive coati</td><td colspan="3">Remarks Shelf Poke welding patings</td></th<>		Handling capacity 100 kg 120 kg 150 kg 200 kg 200 kg 120 kg 5000 N ave prote	Re Sł Pc ctive coati	Remarks Shelf Poke welding patings			
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Number of axe Robot r Externa		6 6						
Integrated sign	nal supply		10 poles 50 V DC 2 poles 250 V AC 2 CAN-Buses					
Integrated air :	supply		Max. 10 bar					
PERFORMAN	ICE							
Position repeatability 2.5-120 and 2.5-150 ±0.1 mm Others ±0.15 mm								
Path repeatab 2.5-120 Others	(based 50	t on ISO path) ±1.0 mm ±1.5 mm						
Max. TCP velo	ocity on ISO	-plane	>2-3	m/s				
Max. TCP acceleration on ISO-plane >10 m/s <sup>2</sup>								
Axis working r Positioning	ange Axis 1 Rotation 2 Arm 3 Arm	Shelf 360° 130° 108°	PE 360° 140° 133°	Others 360° 155° 138°	3			
Reorientation	4 Wrist 5 Bend 6 Turn	600° 240° 600°	400° 240° 600°	600° 240° 600°				
Axis maximum speed, °/s								
Positioning	Axis 1 Rotation 2 Arm 3 Arm	2.5-120 3.0-100 110 100 100	) 2.5-15 ) 2.5-20 2.8-15 100 90 90	50 2.8-20 50 90 70 70	00 PE 70 70 70	Shelf 100 100 100		
Reorientation	4 Wrist 5 Bend 6 Turn	210 150 210	120 120 190	110 110 110	210 150 210	210 150 210		
Max. force, PE	500	0 N						

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ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS	
Supply voltage	200–600 V, 50/60 Hz
Rated power, supply transformer	7.2 - 7.8 kVA
PHYSICAL	
Dimensions Manipulator base IRB and IRF IRB 6400S IRB 6400PE Cabinet, H x W x D	1070 x 1050 mm 1044 x 922 mm 1044 x 922 mm 950 x 800 x 540 mm
Weight Robot manipulator 6400PE Others Robot controller	1600 kg 2060 - 2390 kg 240 kg
ENVIRONMENT	
Ambient temperature Manipulator Controller	5 – 50°C 5 – 52°C
Relative humidity	Max. 95%
Degree of protection IRF versions Others and controller	IP 67 – IP 55 IP 54 (wrist IP 55)
Noise level	Max. 70 dB (A)
Safety	Double circuits with supervision, emergency stops and safety functions , 3-position enable device
Emission EMC/EN	/II-shielded
MAN-MACHINE-INTERFACES	
Operators' panel	In cabinet or external
Control pendant	Portable with joystick and keypad. Display 16 lines x 40 characters. Window style communication. Enabling device, back lighting.
Languages	Choice between 10 national languages
PC-Software	"The S4C software on your PC" QuickTeach training Off-line programming VirtualRobot simulation Monitor and control of robots from PC
RRS Simulation	From simulation companies
MACHINE INTERFACES	
Digital inputs/outputs	Up to 512, 24 V DC, 120 V AC or relay outputs
Analogue inputs/outputs	Up to 120, $\pm$ 10 V and $\pm$ 20 mA
Serial channels	One RS 232 and one RS 422
Remote I/O	Allen Bradley PLC
Network Fieldbus	Ethernet CAN Interbus-S Profibus
Process interfaces	Media signals and welding cabling on upper arm Built-in welding timer
Diskette drive	3.5" MS-DOS

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